

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2008, please amend the application as follows, and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. A Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith.

It is not believed that any additional extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required. However, if any such extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-5029 (Ref. 18744-0030).

A Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) are also submitted herewith.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically, addressed to:
Mail Stop: AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-
1450, on January 12, 2009.

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